

House Resolution No. 672

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals who maintain longstanding ties to the Show-Me State and who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their accomplishments; and

Whereas, Micheal Dean Rucker has attained considerable distinction as a 1994 graduate of Benton High School in Saint Joseph and a 1999 graduate of the University of Nebraska; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Micheal Rucker was named All-State Football tight end and member of the MEC Conference, City, and District teams during his high school football career and was given Preseason, All-American, All-Big 12, Holiday Bowl Defensive Most Valuable Player, and Senior Bowl North Most Valuable Player recognition during his collegiate career; and

Whereas, Micheal Rucker enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he joined the professional Carolina Panthers National Football League team; and

Whereas, selected by Carolina in the second round of the 1999 NFL Draft, Micheal Rucker has started in sixty-two games and played in ninety-four in the regular season and started in all four post-season games of his professional career; and

Whereas, defensive end Micheal Rucker ranks first in Carolina team history with 40 career sacks, and his appearance in the 2003 Pro Bowl marked the first time in team history that Carolina was represented in the game by two players from the defensive front; and first Panther defensive end in team history; and

Whereas, Micheal Rucker was named NFL Defensive Player of the Month for September in 2002 and 2003, NFC Defensive Player of the Month for September 2002, Sports Illustrated All-Pro, and Football Digest All-Pro; and

Whereas, Micheal Rucker also is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Kristina, loving father of Alexis and Micheal Mason, and wonderful son of Martin and LaVell Rucker:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Micheal Rucker and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Micheal Dean Rucker.

Offered by _____
Representative Martin T. Rucker
District No. 29

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 672, adopted February 17, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker